

A BILL

FOR AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN NUISANCES AND PROVIDING FOR ABATING THE SAME.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That no billiard hall, bowling alley, restaurant or other place of like character shall, after the passage of this act, be allowed to keep any kind of screen, shade or curtain before doors or windows of their places of business to prevent free observation of doings therein.

SEC. 2. That the proprietor or keeper of every billiard hall, bowling alley, or restaurant or any other business of like character, shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars for each and every day he, the proprietor or keeper of any such place as above named, shall keep or allow any such screens, shades or curtains before the doors or windows of his place of business; all such fines to also become a lien upon the building and contents used for such a purpose until said fine is paid. Provided, however, such lien is not intended to attach only to proprietors of buildings and of billiard halls, bowling alleys and restaurants and to other business of like character.

SEC. 3. It is further provided that the use of or keeping up such screens, shades or curtains shall be evidence of the unlawful sale of liquors and other unlawful proceedings, and that while such screens, shades or curtains are allowed to remain such rooms or places of business are held under this law as nuisances and can be abated as such, upon application to any justice of the peace or mayor of any city or town, who have jurisdiction in these cases, in which said rooms or buildings are situated; which said justice of the peace or mayor of the city or town as the case may be, shall upon complaint and proper proof furnished proceed to abate said nuisances.

SEC. 4. Any justice of the peace or mayor of any city or town, or any other officer who shall by neglect or refusal obstruct or interfere with the proper enforcement of this law, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon complaint shall be held to answer therefor before any justice of the peace within the county, and if proven guilty shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and his discharge from office.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.